

II. Remarks

Claims 1, 5-12, and 14-37 are pending in this application, with Claims 1, 7, 9, 10, 12, 23, and 27 being independent.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate subject matter of Claims 2, 3, and 4. Claims 2 to 4 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 5 has been amended to correct its dependency. Claims 7 and 28 to 30 have been editorially revised.

New dependent Claims 31 to 37 have been added to define further the Applicants' invention. As these claims recite subject matter similar to that recited in allowed Claims 19 and 20, and are dependent either directly or indirectly on one of allowed independent Claims 23 or 27, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are also allowable.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 7-12 and 14-30 are allowed, and that Claims 4-6 contain allowable subject matter. This Amendment After Final Rejection is being submitted in an earnest attempt to place this application in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by McAvinney. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. In order to advance prosecution of this application, Applicants have amended Claim 1 to include the subject matter of allowable Claim 4. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this ground of rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and prompt issuance of a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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